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TEXT GOE MEMORANDUM RE FISHERIES PROBLEM FOLLOWS:

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AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ECUADOR AND THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT STATES ITS UNDERSTANDING OF A MODUS VIVENDI BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE FISHING ACTIVITIES OF UNITED STATES TUNA VESSELS OFF THE COAST OF ECUADOR, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO CERTAIN POINTS STILL PENDING, TO BE THE SUBJECT OF FUTURE CONVERSATIONS:

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH UNITED STATES FISHING VESSELS THAT FISH OUTSIDE THE LINE DETERMINED BY THE COORDINATES SPECIFIED IN THE ATTACHED ANNEX. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR REQUIRING UNITED STATES FISHING VESSELS TO BE IN POSSESSION OF FISHING PERMITS AND LICENSES INSIDE A LINE EXTENDING TWELVE MILES FROM THE CURVES OF THE CONTINENTAL COAST AND ITS ADJACENT ISLANDS. IN THE SMALLER AREAS OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO LINES, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR POWER TO PREVENT INCIDENTS.

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2. THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR UNDERSTANDS THAT, IN THE INTEREST OF EARLY AGREEMENT ON AT LEAST CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE MODUS VIVENDI, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF UNITED STATES TUNA FISHERMEN THAT THEY WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO FISH IN THE TWELVE-MILE ZONE OFF MANTA, A ZONE EXTENDING ALONG THE COAST, FOLLOWING ITS CURVES, AND BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY A LINE RUNNING WESTWARD FROM PUNTA BELLACA AND, ON THE SOUTH, BY A LINE RUNNING NORTHWEST FROM PUNTA SAN MATEO. THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR UNDERSTANDS THAT, IN VIEW OF THESE ASSURANCES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE BAN IMPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR ON FISHING BY UNITED STATES VESSELS IN THE SAID ZONE. NEVERTHELESS, THE MATTER OF THE ZONE DEFINED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR IN THE MANTA AREA AS A ZONE CLOSED TO FISHING BY VESSELS OF FOREIGN REGISTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING ITS LOCAL FISHING INTERESTS, HAS NOT BEEN SETTLED. PENDING THE FULL SETTLEMENT OF THIS MATTER, TO WHICH THE TWO GOVERNMENTS PLEDGE THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED VALIDITY OF THE MODUS VIVENDI, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL SEEK TO PREVENT INCIDENTS IN THE PROHIBITED ZONE FILED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR UNDERSTANDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES TUNA INDUSTRY THAT THEY WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO FISH IN THE GULF OF GUAYAQUIL ZONE NEAR THE COAST, INSIDE A LINE DRAWN BETWEEN PUNTA PIEDRAS DEL MORRO AND PUNTA SALINAS (PUNA). THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR UNDERSTANDS THAT, IN VIEW OF THESE ASSURANCES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT OBJECT TO THE BAN IMPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR ON FISHING BY UNITED STATES VESSELS IN THE SAID ZONE AND IN THE ZONE LYING BETWEEN A LINE DRAWN FROM PUNTA SALINAS (PUNA) TO PUNTA PAYANA.

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4. THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR WILL ISSUE TO UNITED STATES FISHING VESSELS, THROUGH ITS CONSULATES, REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES VALID FOR TWELVE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUANCE, UPON PAYMENT OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS.

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